

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In Re:

The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.,

Debtor.

Case No.: 20-10322-CLB

Chapter: 11

NOTICE OF FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the Order entered July 9, 2020 [Docket No. 442] *Nunc Pro Tunc* to February 28, 2020, Connors LLP has filed the Monthly Fee Statement of Connors LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses as Special Counsel to The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., for the Period November 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

DATED: Buffalo, New York
January 27, 2025

s/ Randall D. White

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MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF CONNORS LLP
FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO
THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO, N.Y.
FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1, 2024, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2024

Name of Applicant:	Connors LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Debtor-in-Possession
Date of Retention:	Order entered July 9, 2020 [Docket No. 442] <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> to February 28, 2020
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	November 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	80% of \$13,230.00 (\$10,584.00)
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$164.80

This is a: X monthly quarterly final application.

This is the monthly fee statement of Connors LLP in this case.

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TAX ID NO. 16-1282035

January 23, 2025

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Our file# 002700 00006
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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

11/04/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communication with attorney for priest regarding response to adult complaint (.2); scheduling of investigator's interview of priest and potential scheduling of Independent Review Board meeting (.2).	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
11/07/2024	LFQ	(Misc) Call from Chancery representative regarding how to handle inquiry and reports received by Victims Assistance Coordinator regarding matters in parish schools (.2); review policies to answer question (.5); communication with Victim Assistance Coordinator to explain same (.3); prepare memorandum regarding same (.3).	1.30 hrs.	250 /hr	325.00
11/11/2024	LFQ	(Misc) Review inquiry from investigator regarding canon law proceedings against cleric (.2); review files from 2021 to present regarding same (.4); call with investigator regarding same (.3); prepare email to investigator regarding handling (.2).	1.10 hrs.	250 /hr	275.00
11/12/2024	LFQ	(Misc) Phone call from reporter regarding inquiry about listing of deceased priest several years ago (.2); review multiple files regarding priest to obtain history regarding same (1.3); prepare	3.20 hrs.	250 /hr	800.00

		memorandum regarding history (.8); communications with several Chancery representatives regarding same (.3); review email of Victims Assistance Coordinator regarding new report on another matter (.1); prepare analysis and share with Chancery team (.5).			
11/13/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communication with Chancery representatives regarding new report (.3); prepare memorandum regarding handling of same (.3); communication with Independent Review Board Chair regarding several issues (.5).	1.10 hrs.	250 /hr	275.00
11/15/2024	LFQ	(Misc) Communications with Chancery representatives regarding response to media inquiry.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
11/18/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents for next Independent Review Board meeting.	2.90 hrs.	250 /hr	725.00
11/19/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents for next Independent Review Board meeting.	2.10 hrs.	250 /hr	525.00
11/20/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents for next Independent Review Board meeting (5.6); communications with two investigators regarding status of investigations and completion of reports (.5); communication with Independent Review Board Chair regarding next Independent Review Board meeting (.3).	6.40 hrs.	250 /hr	1,600.00
11/22/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Review investigator's report (.6); communication with investigator regarding same (.2); communication with	1.00 hrs.	250 /hr	250.00

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Independent Review Board
Chair regarding same (.2).

11/23/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents for next Independent Review Board meeting.	1.60 hrs.	250 /hr	400.00
11/26/2024	JRM	(Misc) Prepare 2023 and 2024 CARA survey working documents (.8); confer with Lawlor F. Quinlan III regarding upcoming meeting with Independent Review Board (.3); prepare memoranda summarizing background information and status of each new complaint (2.9).	4.00 hrs.	100 /hr	400.00
11/27/2024	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents for next Independent Review Board meeting (.5); communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding same (.3).	0.80 hrs.	250 /hr	200.00

Total fees for this matter

\$6,000.00**DISBURSEMENTS**

11/30/2024 POSTAGE

1.94

Total disbursements for this matter

\$1.94**BILLING SUMMARY**

Quinlan, Lawlor F. III	Partner	22.40 hrs	250 /hr	5,600.00
Miller, Jake R	Legal	4.00 hrs	100 /hr	400.00
	Assistant			
TOTAL FEES		26.40 hrs		<hr/> \$6,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				\$1.94
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL				\$6,001.94

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NYSAG SUBPOENA

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

11/14/2024	TMC	Preparation and participation in call with other NYS diocesan counsel regarding status of investigation.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
11/23/2024	LFQ	Work on documentation required by auditors (1.5); communication with Chancery representative regarding same (.3).	1.80 hrs.	250 /hr	450.00
11/27/2024	LFQ	Review documents sent by Kinsale Management regarding next week's audit sessions (.5); review files to prepare for audit (1.6); work on documents for audit (2.3).	4.40 hrs.	250 /hr	1,100.00
11/29/2024	LFQ	Work on documents for audit (1.0); communications with Independent Review Board Chair and Chancery representative regarding same (.3); review communications from Kinsale auditors and response from Chancery representative (.2).	1.50 hrs.	250 /hr	375.00
11/30/2024	LFQ	Communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding Kinsale audit (.3); prepare memorandum regarding same (.2).	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00

Total fees for this matter

\$2,175.00

BILLING SUMMARY

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Connors, Terrence M.	Partner	0.50 hrs	250 /hr	125.00
Quinlan, Lawlor F. III	Partner	8.20 hrs	250 /hr	2,050.00
TOTAL FEES		8.70 hrs		<u>\$2,175.00</u>
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL				\$2,175.00

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CHILD VICTIMS ACT

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

11/05/2024	RDW	Review file for response to inquiry from BSK regarding possible objection to POC (1.8); emails with BSK regarding response (.4).	2.20 hrs.	250 /hr	550.00
11/14/2024	RDW	Telephone conference with counsel for other NYS dioceses regarding status of and developments in CVA litigation (.5); review recent filing regarding pending motions (.3).	0.80 hrs.	250 /hr	200.00
11/15/2024	RDW	Review of email from CVA co-defense counsel and Syracuse bankruptcy decision.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
11/20/2024	RDW	Review of file regarding objections to claim.	1.30 hrs.	250 /hr	325.00
11/22/2024	RDW	Review of decision and order regarding stay lift motions (1.0); emails with other CVA counsel regarding above (.5).	1.50 hrs.	250 /hr	375.00
11/22/2024	TMC	Receipt and review of the decision granting motions for relief from stay with regard to 17 CVA actions and discussion with our team.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
11/23/2024	RDW	Review of file regarding background and status of CVA actions that are subject of stay lift motion and decision.	1.20 hrs.	250 /hr	300.00
11/25/2024	RDW	Initial review of objections to POCs (1.0); review file regarding above and possibly	2.60 hrs.	250 /hr	650.00

related information (1.6).

11/26/2024	RDW	Receive correspondence from plaintiffs counsel in CVA case (.3); internal communications regarding above (.4); telephone conference with CVA co-defense counsel (.5); review objections to proofs of claim (1.7).	2.90 hrs.	250 /hr	725.00
11/26/2024	SRR	Collect certain information on 17 CVA cases for further review by Randall D. White.	2.00 hrs.	100 /hr	200.00
11/27/2024	RDW	Review file regarding possible additional information relevant to objections to POCs (1.2); internal communications regarding above (.8); review status of CVA actions (2.4); telephone conference with Diocese regarding status and further handling of CVA actions (.3); email to Diocese regarding above (.4); telephone conference with co-counsel in CVA actions regarding above (.2).	5.30 hrs.	250 /hr	1,325.00
11/27/2024	TMC	Reviewing BSK's objection to several claims; confer with Randall D. White.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
11/27/2024	SRR	Finish collecting information on 17 CVA cases and prepare materials for further review by Randall D. White.	0.30 hrs.	100 /hr	30.00

Total fees for this matter

\$5,055.00**DISBURSEMENTS**

11/15/2024	OCT. 2024 - MONTHLY DATA STORAGE/ACTING HOSTING/USER ACCESS	162.86
Total disbursements for this matter		<u>\$162.86</u>

BILLING SUMMARY

Connors, Terrence M.	Partner	1.00 hrs	250 /hr	250.00
White, Randall D.	Partner	18.30 hrs	250 /hr	4,575.00
Rudy, Sharon R	Legal Assistant	2.30 hrs	100 /hr	230.00
TOTAL FEES		21.60 hrs		<u>\$5,055.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				\$162.86
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL				<u>\$5,217.86</u>